

Unit 14. Nushagak Hills

Background

Land Status. Most of the unit is owned or selected by the state. One Native allotment is staked in the unit. The western portion of the unit is adjacent to Wood-Tik-chik State Park. Mining claims are located in the western portion of the unit.

Access. Wheeled airplanes can land easily on many rounded ridges, and dry tundra offers easy accessibility to all-terrain vehicles. The unit is far from major airports.

Existing Development. No cabins or other development are documented in this unit.

Fisheries. Fisheries values are generally low.

Subsistence and sport fishing uses are low.

Wildlife. Moose density is low to moderate; caribou density is seasonally low to abundant; brown bear density is high throughout the unit. Much of the unit provides essential brown bear denning habitat.

Subsistence hunting use is low, except in winter when it is moderate in some portions of the unit. Sport hunting for moose and caribou is low to moderate; brown bear use is high. Brown bear hunting is primarily by guided nonresidents and is at maximum sustainable levels.

Trails and Easements. None.

Other Values. Scenic values are moderate because of landscape diversity and views of highlands in the hilly northern portion of the unit. Some trapping use takes place near drainages in the winter.

Management Intent

Primitive use experience.

Management Guidelines

Long-term Use (longer than 14 consecutive days at one site)

Permanent facilities	Prohibited.
Temporary facilities	Prohibited.
Trapping cabins	Prohibited.
Boat storage	Prohibited.
Airstrip development	Prohibited.
Docks: permanent	Prohibited.
temporary	Prohibited.
Other uses	May be allowed (case-by-case).

Short-term Use (14 consecutive days or less at one site)

See Short-term Uses (generally allowed uses) in Chapter 2.

Other Guidelines Specific to this Unit

- U14.1 Long-term Uses Associated with Mineral/Oil and Gas Activity. For long-term uses associated with mineral and oil and gas exploration and development, see Chapter 2 guideline.
- U14.2 Siting Criteria. Long-term uses should be sited out of view from the main river channel.

Public Use Sites

None.

Recommendations for this Unit

None.